

4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the tension is monitored by means of a strain gauge working in bending.

a¹ 5. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the tension is monitored by means of a strain gauge working in torsion.

6. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of glass.

7. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the filaments are made of glass and of at least one second thermoplastic.

Please add new Claims 8-18 as follows:

a² 8. (New) Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the said combination of filaments is linked to a lever in such a way that the latter pivots when the monitored tension passes below the said predetermined value, a magnetic detector then being actuated.

9. (New) Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the tension is monitored by means of a strain gauge working in bending.

10. (New) Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the tension is monitored by means of a strain gauge working in torsion.

11. (New) Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of glass.

12. (New) Process according to Claim 3, characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of glass.

13. (New) Process according to Claim 4, characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of glass.

14. (New) Process according to Claim 5, characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of glass.

15. (New) Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the filaments are made of glass and of at least one second thermoplastic.

16. (New) Process according to Claim 3, characterized in that the filaments are made

a² of glass and of at least one second thermoplastic.

17. (New) Process according to Claim 4, characterized in that the filaments are made of glass and of at least one second thermoplastic.

18. (New) Process according to Claim 5, characterized in that the filaments are made of glass and of at least one second thermoplastic.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract page 11 in its entirety and insert therefor:

ABSTRACT

a³ A process for manufacturing a continuous yarn, in which a multiplicity of continuous filaments are formed by the mechanical drawing of a multiplicity of streams of molten thermoplastic(s) especially of glass, and these filaments are gathered into at least one yarn. In this process the tension exerted by a combination of some or all of these filaments is permanently monitored by detecting the transition of this tension below a predetermined value.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.